SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the abstract with the following:

[Various embodiments provide] Systems and methods [that can be utilized to] for remotely [manage] managing operating system deployments. Various features [can] allow a system administrator to plan and schedule operating system or image deployment on various computers or machines [throughout an organization]. Planning and scheduling image deployment, in accordance with the various systems and methods described below, can take place in bandwidth-sensitive environments and are easily scalable. Various embodiments can provide an imaging process that seamlessly migrates data and/or state [(e.g. machine/client/user data and state)] to a newly-imaged operating system. [In addition, at least] Some embodiments can provide end users with flexibility to alter the behavior of the image deployment within policies that are specified by the system administrator. Additional embodiments provide a rich mechanism by which status reports are generated and sent to the system administrator to assist them in managing the deployment. Further embodiments can conduct operating system deployment in-place, meaning that additional disk partitions are not required.

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